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**Excise Officers Cite 33 in Hammond**

**HAMMOND, Ind. (Aug. 10)** – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited 33 people on 56 charges in Hammond Saturday night. Officers also cited two retail restaurants for various alcohol- and tobacco-related offenses, and issued a warning to one store.

Eight juveniles were cited for possession of alcohol, minor in tavern and traffic violations. Two of them were cited for possession of alcohol after a traffic stop uncovered alcohol. Twenty-two people were also arrested for providing alcohol to a minor, possession of marijuana and various other charges.

Jose Carlos Ruiz, 45, of Waterloo, Ind., was arrested for providing false information to police and on outstanding warrants in DeKalb, Stuben and Porter counties. He was also cited for driving with an open container. Officers transported Ruiz to Lake County Jail.

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

*All criminal and administrative-law defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*